extent of capital investment can be assessed only after these projects are completed.

Proposal to stop power generation by Eastern GRID

4373. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the eastern power grid has surplus power;

(b) whether the eastern grid is proposing to shut off some of its generation units as the power is in excess of their requirements; and

(c) if so, whether the Ministry of Power would direct the eastern, grid to supply excess power to power starved State of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Transfer of surplus power in the order of 150 MW from Eastern Region to the Southern Region (Andhra Pradesh) is already taking place for which a PPA has already been signed between NTPC and APSEB.

Funds spent by REC

4374. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state**:**

(a) the funds spent by Rural Electrification Corporation in 1996-97, State-wise;

(b) the states which have properly utilised the funds; and

(c) the steps proposed by rural Electrification Corporation to encourage alternate energy sources in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (-a) During the year 1996-97, the Rural Electrification Corporation had disbursed Rs. 812.56 crores (Provisional and unaudited) to various States as per details given in the enclosed Statement *(See* below)

(b) The States of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Tripura have fully utilised the funds.

(c) Keeping in view the need to provide electricity to all the villages, REC has been exploring possibilities of electrifying the balance villages and augmenting power supply to the rural areas through alternate energy sources. Guidelines for financing of small power generation projects have been finalised by REC, which encourage participation by private sector agencies, Non-Government organisations, State Electricity Boards and State agencies.

Statement

Statewise Disbursement during 1996-97 (Report as on 31.03.1997)

(Rupees in lakhs)

SI. No.	States	Allocation	Disbu rscment (Provisional)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5150	1787
2.	Aruanchal Pradesh	995	1199
3.	Assam	2075	13
4.	Bihar	1896	0
5.	Delhi	25	0
6.	Goa	25	197

SI. No.	States	Allocation	Disbursement (Provisional)
7.	Gujarat	3660	4205
8.	Haryana	1640	1076
9.	Himachal Pradesh	850	1470
10.	J & K	1200	1800
11.	Karnataka	4700	8520
12.	Kerala	2160	4825
13.	Madhya Pradesh	10560	13362
14.	Maharashtra	6700	8599
15.	Manipur	925	1980
16.	Meghalaya	770	0
17.	Mizoram	475	337
18.	Nagaland	215	175
19.	Orissa	1949	1200
20.	Punjab	2150	3219
21'.	Rajasthan	7400	9200
22.	Sikkim	0	0
23.	Tamil Nadu	5250	7646
24.	Tripura	500	633
25.	Uttar Pradesh	8190	7142
26.	West Bengal	2340	423
	Sub-total	71800	79008
27.	Small Gen/RE Coops	1000	*
28.	OECF	3000	*
29.	Kutir Joyti	25Q0(Grant)	2248
	Grand Total	78300	81256

* included in respective States.

Tapping of power potential of Godavari River

4375. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Hydro Power Corporation has made any proposals for tapping the hydro power potential of Godavari river;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted by the National Hydro Power Corporation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHAR1): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.